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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

THROUGH: Robert M. Gates
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SUBJECT: Comments on 'Forecasting' STIC Report

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1. The report "Forecasting in the Intelligence Community" presents a good summary of how the services are using forecasting on many of their projects, but falls short of being a comprehensive review of what is being done by each organization. This report focuses on threat forecasting, with an emphasis on determining the capabilities of [REDACTED]. Future STIC studies should include more on the problems of forecasting science and technology. In particular, explicit discussions are needed of how to forecast developments in fundamental

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2. I believe that the STIC arrived at the correct conclusions from their research. As the report states, forecasting methods exist; what is needed is to apply those methods consistently, with a good audit trail, to real problems. [REDACTED]

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